

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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- 37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A snowmobile comprising:  
a body frame, the body frame comprising a front cover and a track housing;  
a ski-runner attached to the body frame;  
a front suspension supporting the ski-runner and attached to the body frame at a front suspension attachment point;  
a crawler connected to the body frame and at least partially accommodated in the track housing;  
a windshield formed on the body frame;  
a four-cycle engine which drives the crawler, the engine comprising:  
an intake path arranged vertically beneath the windshield;  
a drysump oil supplying system that supplies the engine with engine oil, the drysump oil supplying system comprising:  
an oil tank disposed inside an engine compartment that is enclosed by the front cover;  
an oil pan arranged between the front suspension attachment point and the track housing,  
wherein the intake path comprises an intake manifold and a carburetor, wherein the carburetor is arranged beneath the windshield and above a top portion of a cylinder head in an engine compartment; and  
the snowmobile further comprising an oil strainer provided in the oil pan, wherein the oil strainer is arranged vertically beneath the carburetor and adjacent to the track housing.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 38, further comprising:  
an exhaust manifold extending frontward from the engine in the engine compartment  
from the engine;  
a supercharger arranged in proximity to the exhaust manifold.

42. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 38, wherein a crankshaft of the  
engine is oriented along a body width direction of the snowmobile.

43. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 38, wherein the oil pan is  
disposed in the vicinity of and adjacent to the lowest portion of the engine compartment.

44. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 38, further comprising:  
a port provided in a portion of the body frame which defines a bottom of the engine  
compartment, the port providing access to the oil pan for maintenance work from outside the  
engine compartment when the port is open;  
a lid which closes the port.

45. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 44, wherein the lid is hinged for  
closing the port.

46. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 44, wherein the lid is selectively  
fastened by a fastener to the portion of the body frame which defines the bottom of the  
engine compartment.

47. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 44, wherein the lid is threaded for threading selective engagement with the portion of the body frame which defines the bottom of the engine compartment.

48. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 44, further comprising a steering shaft connected to the ski-runner for steering the snowmobile, the steering shaft being arranged in the engine compartment to a rear of the engine oil pan, and wherein the port is in front of the steering shaft.

49. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 38, further comprising a steering shaft connected to the ski-runner for steering the snowmobile, the steering shaft being arranged in the engine compartment to a rear of the engine oil pan.

50. (Previously Presented) The snowmobile of claim 38, wherein the four-cycle engine is mounted in an approximately upright position.